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Hall of Fame Coaches reflect on successful careers

by Gerald Wofford

Between the five of them, their winning records have been impressive and their careers have spanned six decades. They've coached nationally known high school athletes from Lee Roy Selmon to Troy Aikman and others locally well known. They gave each athlete the time and dedication needed and deserved, regardless of talent or popularity. The long hours, endless bus rides, motivational words and classroom duties as well, gave these special men the unique title of, Coach.

Recently, the Muscogee Nation News sat down with four Creek coaches who have been inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame: Perry Beaver; Ron McHenry; Perry Anderson; and Wiley Ryal. Kenneth Moore, who passed away in May of 1997, was also inducted into the Hall in 1979.

"Its all I ever wanted to do," said Perry Beaver, current Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation when asked why he became a coach. Beaver coached

high school football for 25 years winning two state championships.

McHenry, who coaches football at Coweta, said his life's road decision to coach was totally different. "I didn't plan on being a coach," said McHenry. "I wanted to be a teacher, but the place where I was living at the time needed a coach at the local boy's club. No one would take the job and help the kids out, so I did, and that's what got me started."

During the candid conversation, the coaches talked about how the modern high school athlete of today differs from the athlete of the past.

"I think players are more dedicated today," said Ryal. "Perhaps of the year round emphasis on training. We've gone from smaller to bigger. It used to be



Pictured above, from left to right, are: Perry Anderson; Principal Chief Perry Beaver; Wiley Ryal; and Ron McHenry.

photo by Lucas Taylor

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Chief announces plans for a multimillion dollar project

TULSA— With the cooperation of the Legislative Branch of the Muscogee Creek Nation, Chief Perry Beaver, announced plans for building up the east bank of the Arkansas River in Tulsa.

The developmental plans begin with a multimillion dollar hotel and entertainment complex, which includes the largest gaming center in the state. This project is the first in a series of development projects designed to help boost the Tulsa area economy and create new jobs for both tribal and non-tribal citizens.

"What we want to do here is worthwhile to more than just the Creek Nation," stated Chief Beaver. "What we want to do here is for Tulsa and the state of Oklahoma."

This multi-phase project is centered on and around the site of the current Tulsa Creek Nation Casino. The first phase consists of the construction of a state-of-the-art gaming center with numerous gaming devices, a spacious hotel and meeting space, and an expansive parking facility. This project will provide a gracious boost to the economy by requiring the purchasing of building supplies and the creation of jobs.

Partnered with the Tribe is Nevada

Gold & Casinos, Inc. Under the terms of the contract, Nevada Gold will assist the Muscogee (Creek) Nation with the project financing and provide management services to the entertainment and gaming center.

The Design-Builder for the project is SGS, L.L.C. SGS is a Native American firm that has designed and constructed projects for many different Native American tribes over the past few years,

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Chief Perry Beaver and Edwin Marshall reveal an architectural drawing of the proposed multimillion dollar developmental project at a press conference in Tulsa.

photo by Gerald Wofford

National Council honors original allottees

by Gerald Wofford

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation paid special homage to the Original Allottees of the tribe, as well as full-blood tribal members who are eighty years and older.

The honored guests came from as far away as California and Alabama just to be in Okmulgee on this special day.

Phillip Coon, a decorated World War II veteran, said, "I thought I would never live to see this day."

The allottees were honored with a commemorative blanket of the Tribal Seal, as well as a Medallion during the General Session of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council meeting. The full-

bloods were honored with a medallion and certificate as well.

Donna Martin, Organizational Specialist with the

tribe, saw the need for this type of ceremony to occur.

"Working in Community Development," she said, "we see things. I got to looking at them one day and realized we really don't have that many of them left."

Martin also noticed a statistical research document, presented by Second Chief A.D. Ellis, in a past issue of the Muscogee Nation News on the number of allottees and full bloods still living.



Pictured above, from left to right, are the three original allottees: Martha Berryhill, 103 years; California Fixico, 101 years old; and Lucy Condren, 101 years old.

photo by Lucas Taylor

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Committee vice-chair expresses appreciation

Editor:

On behalf of the Festival Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for all of the help we received in making this year's Festival one of the most successful. With the cooperation of the weather, we were able to accommodate an estimated 30,000 people.

Special recognition should be given to the following: Roy Yargee and staff, Leanna Tomah, Jill Primeaux, Alicia Stroble, Melissa Ambler, and Lucas Taylor, all of which were first time coordinators in their respected events.

But of course, you cannot forget the people who came "to the cause." Woody Fields and the Lighthorse Explorer group parking cars, Tribal Roads staff, Creek Nation Facilities and maintenance staff. There are numerous others not mentioned, our gratitude to you as well.

For the first time in 12 years, to my knowledge, we had a couple of Council Member's volunteer! Mrs. Lola Fields and Phyllis Warrington went above and beyond the call of duty by parking cars. Your support was very much acknowledged and appreciated.

In closing, the Festival Committee will continue to strive for improvements because this event is now designed to be a festive opportunity for both Tribal and non-Tribal citizens alike.

Curtis Hicks, Okmulgee

Chief pleased with festival turnout

Editor:

As I sat and reflected on the many successful events of the 29th Annual Creek Nation Festival which occurred this past weekend, I realized the significance and its relation to the state of the Muscogee Nation. There were more events than have ever been presented, more participation in each event, more attendance by spectators, and most importantly,

more volunteers that made the festival successful. By conservative estimates, there may have been 35,000 or more attending the festival throughout the entire weekend.

In correlation, the Muscogee Nation currently has the most it has ever had to offer its citizens in the way of housing, education, community and human services and economic opportunities. We are serving more as our population has grown to over 54,000 citizens. Consequently, we employ more staff to provide these services. In essence, the success and growth of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was reflected by our festival. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to the Festival Committee: Jeff Fife, Chairman; Curtis Hicks; Kathy Guthrie; Thomasine Fife; Edwin Marshall; and Diane Beasley, for their tireless efforts in coordinating this event. In addition, I would like to thank the many nameless employee volunteers who gave of themselves to assure that the Nation would be showcased in such a positive light. I am truly proud to be the Principal Chief of the greatest Tribal Nation in the Country, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. *Mvto.*

Chief R. Perry Beaver, Jenks

Creek Nation employee seeks tribal member

Editor:

I am the Manager for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Cultural Preservation office in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Because our office involves a large amount of genealogical research, we are routinely contacted about finding family members. Usually the family members we research are deceased, but recently we received a request about a family member search on someone that may still be alive.

A gentlemen from Chicago, Robert E. Gray, is looking for his wife Leah's sister. She was working for the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida in 1976. This was the last known information on Peggy. The article stated that she

received her degree from UCLA. We are hoping that one of your readers may have information on her. If anyone has information on her, they can contact our office at 918-756-8700, ext. 604. Thank you so much.

Joyce Bear, Okmulgee

Citizen thanks relatives attending reunion

Editor:

Relatives of Melissa Kannard Harjo and James Barnett, and Paul and Amanda (Barnett) Jimboy gathered at Creek Chapel Methodist Church, southeast of Okemah, to share childhood stories, to catch up on current events of our lives, compete in games, win prizes, laugh at ourselves and each other, and of course – to share lots of wonderful food! We had a glorious day of getting reacquainted with family members and also meeting family members we had not yet met.

The oldest family member present was Jennie Fixico of Okemah; traveling the farthest were Judy, Dale and Christina St. Arnold from Scotsdale, Arizona; and the youngest family member present was Aleya Birdcreek of Okemah. We estimated that over 130 people attended the reunion. For those that missed the reunion, we hope to see you at the next one.

Warmest thank you to Edna Blair for keeping us all entertained. Many thanks to Bill Blair, Dale St. Arnold, Jimmie LeFlore, Michael Bowers, and Morris Harjo for cooking the grilled foods. An extra thank you to those that helped finance the reunion. An awesome thank you to Edna and Bill Blair and J.D. Bowers for the great fireworks to end a glorious day! A special thank you to members of Creek Chapel Church for giving us the opportunity to use their church grounds for our reunion

Marie Faubion, Checotah

Second opinion

by Second Chief A.D. Ellis

The Fourth of July was a very busy weekend throughout our nation. Many church gatherings, ceremonial grounds are active, and the hot weather is quickly approaching. Friday morning was ribbon dance time at the Hickory Ground near Henryetta. I visited people who were from Oklahoma City and as far away as Atlanta, Georgia. Friday night, Snake Creek Baptist Church had a fireworks program and birthday party for **Anderson Hale**. Anderson serves as a Creek Nation Housing Commissioner.

For the second time I attended the annual church reunion at Tuskegee Indian Church near Eufaula. This historic Indian baptist church was very important in the founding of the Muscogee Creek Nation and its people around Eufaula.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved who worked and provided support for the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall. The Muscogee Nation was selected for this occasion by the VFW Post 1189 and others because the Claude Cox Omniplex provided the space and availability to easy access. Thanks to all Veterans for their sac-



rifices to make this Nation a better place to live.

The 29th Annual Creek Nation Festival in June was a huge success and probably had the largest crowd ever. This success, as always, is made possible by our employees who do all the planning and all the work. Not only during the festival, but everyday operations throughout our Nation. Without good employees who serve our people, we could not survive.

Congratulations to all our young students who participated in the Junior Olympics. You are all winners. I can assure the Creek citizens that in the future years are young Creek men and women will continue to move this Nation forward. They are better educated and better informed than some people realize, but we must always support and guide them to greater goals.

By the time our next newspaper arrives, you will know all the candidates who are running for office. Chief Beaver cannot run again because of term limits so there will be a new Chief. All council seats are open also in this election. Everyone needs to register to vote and make sure your address is correct. Due to the recent 911 phone systems change, most rural addresses are now different. Filing period is July 21, 22, and 23. The primary election will be September 20th.

Until next month, check on your very young and very old to make sure they are prepared for very hot weather. *Mvto.*

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Muscogee National Council overview

OKMULGEE — The following consists of actions of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council conducted at: a March 18 special session.

March 18 special session

Absent was **Judy Aaron**, Creek District; **Roger Barnett**, Creek District; **Tom Pickering**, McIntosh District; **Sandra Parish**, Muskogee District; **Dave Lewis**, Okmulgee District; **Dwayne Lowe**, Tukvptce District; **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District; **Larry Bible**, Tulsa District; **Cherrah Quiett**, Tulsa District; **Robert Hufft**, Tulsa District;

Speaker **Wilbur Gouge**, McIntosh District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the council:

Council convened in Committee of the whole

- approved as amended (15-0-0) TR 03-027, authorizing the chairman of the Muscogee Nation Business enterprise board to execute a letter of intent between the Muscogee Nation business enterprise and complete technology concepts, L.L.C.

voting yes were (representatives listed by district): **Phyllis Warrington**, Creek District; **Tom Pickering**, McIntosh District; **Daniel Wind**, Muskogee District; **Nancy Watson**, Okfuskee District; **Mae Jackson**, Okfuskee District; **Sandra Golden**, Okfuskee District; **Keeper Johnson**, Okmulgee District; **George Almerigi**, Okmulgee District; **Sandra Peters**, Okmulgee District; **David Nichols**, Okmulgee District; **Lola Fields**, Tukvptce District; **Ron Cleghorn**, Tulsa District; **Jesse Kelley**, Tulsa District; **Richard Berryhill**, Wagoner District; **Barbara Gillespie**, Wagoner District

March 22 regular session

Absent was **Daniel Wind**, Muskogee District; **Dwayne Lowe**, Tukvptce District; **Larry Bible**, Tulsa District; and **Robert Hufft**, Tulsa District.

Speaker **Wilbur Gouge**, McIntosh District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the council:

representative **Golden** was excused;

- approved as amended (20-0-0) NCA 03-047, authorizing a special appropriation to the Weleetka public schools to assist with fund-raising to pay for state rings for the Native American football players who contributed to the winning of the state championship;

voting yes were (representatives listed by district): **Judy Aaron**, Creek District; **Phyllis Warrington**, Creek District; **Roger Barnett**, Creek District; **Tom Pickering**, McIntosh District; **Thomas McIntosh**, McIntosh District; **Nancy Watson**, Okfuskee District; **Mae Jackson**, Okfuskee District; **Dave Lewis**, Okmulgee District; **Keeper Johnson**, Okmulgee District; **George Almerigi**, Okmulgee District; **Sandra Peters**, Okmulgee District; **David Nichols**, Okmulgee District; **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce; **Lola Fields**, Tukvptce District; **Cherrah Quiett**, Tulsa District; **Ron Cleghorn**, Tulsa District; **Jesse Kelley**, Tulsa District; **Richard Berryhill**, Wagoner District; **Barbara Gillespie**, Wagoner District;

- approved (20-0-0) TR 03-012, supporting the Weleetka Outlaws football team who achieved their first state class B championship title in an undefeated season;

- approved (20-0-0) TR 03-021, authorizing the division of health administration vocational rehabilitation program to prepare and submit a proposal to the U.S. Department of Education for vocational reha-

bilitation services and committing matching funds;

- approved (20-0-0) TR 03-022, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute an agreement for the removal of underground storage tanks located in the city of Wetumka, Oklahoma;

- approved (20-0-0) TR 03-025, approving the selection of a contractor and authorizing the housing authority to execute the contract for rehabilitation repair work;

representative **Lewis** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (19-0-0) TR 03-026, confirming the nomination of **Howard Condren** to serve on the Creek Nation Health systems board;

- approved (17-3-0) NCA 03-001, authorizing a special appropriation to the division of health administration, elderly nutrition program, FY 2003 budget for the continuation of elderly meal delivery services to Indian elders in the Eufaula area;

voting no were: **Judy Aaron**, Creek; **Phyllis Warrington**, Creek; and **Nancy Watson**, Okfuskee;

- approved (20-0-0) NCA 03-039, authorizing the expenditure of general board of global minister of the United Methodist church grant;

due to a tie vote Speaker votes yes

- approved (11-10-0) NCA 03-041, appropriating funds to financially assist federal and state election candidates who will serve to assist and protect tribal governments and their sovereignty;

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Warrington**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Jackson**, Okfuskee; **Peters**, Okmulgee; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (18-2-0) NCA 03-052, amending NCA 92-29, § 404C, NCA 99-20, § 2-100, and NCA 01-135, § 201, relating to procedures for the appointment of members to the housing board of commissioners, the election board and the citizenship board;

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek and **Cleghorn**, Tulsa;

representatives **Barnett** and **Cleghorn** were out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- approved (12-6-0) NCA 03-053, amending NCA 99-83 § 102 (an ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation adding professional engineers to the list of professionals who may be compensated in an amount exceeding the compensation of the Principal Chief and repealing section 103 of NCA 96-23) as amended by NCA 02-096, to include the general manager of the Muscogee Nation business enterprise and the general manager of the tribal trade and commerce authority;

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Warrington**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Jackson**, Okfuskee; **Peters**, Okmulgee;

representatives **Barnett** and **Cleghorn** were out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- approved (18-0-0) NCA 03-056, appropriating funds to the senior methodist organization of the northeast district for the annual camp meeting of the United Methodist church;

representative **Almerigi** was excused;

- approved (11-6-0) NCA 03-060, authorizing revising the FY 2000 Indian Housing plan as approved by NCA 00-96 (an ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving the FY 2000 Indian Housing plan);

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Jackson**, Okfuskee; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

representative **Pickering** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (13-5-0) NCA 03-061, revising the FY 2001 Indian Housing plan as approved by NCA 01-90 (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving the FY 2001 Indian Housing plan);

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

representatives **Aaron**, **Pickering**, and **Lewis** were out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (16-0-0) NCA 03-063, appropriating funds for the purchase of real property in Hughes county, Oklahoma to be used for economic development purposes;

representative **Pickering** was out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- approved as amended (18-0-0) NCA 03-068, authorizing a special appropriation to Twin Hills Indian community for a paved parking lot

representative **Pickering** and **Gillespie** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (16-0-1) NCA 03-069, authorizing a special appropriation to the Bacone college for their multi-cultural festival;

abstain were **Peters**, Okmulgee;

representative **Gillespie** was excused;

- approved (18-0-0) NCA 03-073, appropriating a cops tribal resource grant match and authorizing the expenditure of the cops tribal resources grant program equipment award for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation lighthouse police department;

representative **McIntosh** was excused;

- approved (15-2-0) NCA 03-074, appropriating and authorizing expenditure of funds for the demolition of the old housing authority offices and construction of a new office structure;

voting no were: **Watson**, Okfuskee and **Jackson**, Okfuskee;

- approved (17-0-0) authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the constitution amendment committees

May 3 quarterly session

Absent was **Mae Jackson**, Okfuskee District; **Keeper Johnson**, Okmulgee District; **Dwayne Lowe**, Tukvptce District; and **Larry Bible**, Tulsa District.

Speaker **Wilbur Gouge**, McIntosh District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

The following veto message was acted upon:

representative **Jackson** arrived;

- voted (8-16-0) to override the veto message on NCA 03-044, repealing NCA 00-136 and reestablishing the special academic/extra curricular program under the human development committee of the national council;

voting no were: **Warrington**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Gouge**, McIntosh; **Wind**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Jackson**, Okfuskee; **Lewis**, Okmulgee; **Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; **Lowe**, Tukvptce; **Yahola**, Tukvptce; **Fields**, Tukvptce; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; **Hufft**, Tulsa; **Kelley**, Tulsa;

In order of business the council:

- approved (22-1-0) TR 03-017, approving a lighthouse regulation related to training requirements for cross commissioned lighthouse officers;

voting no were **Golden**, Okfuskee;

Youth cooking school to be held

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation 4-H will be holding a youth cooking school on July 28 at the Okmulgee County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Learning opportunities include: reading a recipe; using proper measuring techniques; cooking; and tasting buffet.

Participants must pre-register by calling Jamie Littlefield at (918) 756-8700 or 1-800-482-1979 ext. 610.

Language and culutral class to be offered this fall

OKMULGEE — Oklahoma State University will offer an introductory Mvskoke Creek language and culture class scheduled this fall to coincide with Stillwater and Tulsa's fall academic calendar. The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday from 7:15 PM to 10 PM, beginning Aug. 18 thru Dec. 5.

Using distance learning technology, the class convenes simultaneously on the Okmulgee, Stillwater and Tulsa campuses. Students can enroll at any participating campus.

Instructors are Ted Isham, curator of the Creek Council House Museum in Okmulgee, and 86 year old Seminole-Creek elder and Mvskoke Teacher Linda Alexander from Norman.

Alexander, along with her daughter Bertha Tilkens and linguistics specialist Dr. Pam Innes, have developed new curriculum to be used for the first time this fall. Supplementing the curriculum are two Mvskoke/English dictionaries, one compiled by missionaries around 1890 and several resource and reference manuals.

Isham, whose curator title translates "caretaker of the old ones' ways", studied linguistics and Creek language under Alexander at the University of Oklahoma. There he learned how to incorporate scientific methods into teaching the language to others. His goal is to standardize methods and materials to stabilize the Creek language preservation and revitalization effort.

In the class, students will learn Creek alphabet sounds, vocabulary, grammar, simple sentences, conversational phrases and many aspects of Creek culture.

"To study a language, you can't help but study the culture surrounding it," explains Isham. "The two are intertwined and one cannot be learned without the other."

Oklahoma offers abundant opportunities for students to immerse themselves in Creek culture. One such activity is the Creek Council Oak Ceremony in Tulsa, an annual rededication of the first meeting place of the Mvskoke Nation in Indian Territory. The Council Oak, located between Cheyenne and Boulder Avenues on 18th St., is said to be the site where Tulsa began. A traditional stompdance and stickball game follow the ceremony.

The Mvskoke language is still active and frequently spoken in eastern Oklahoma, but Isham estimates only 3,000 to 6,000 speakers of the Creek language remain. Most of these are elders. The language is not being taught to children and grandchildren.

"We have complacency among the people of the Creek Nation," says Isham. "We want to believe there will always be an elder around to teach us. I wish I had listened and learned more from my grandparents when they were alive. Now it's too late."

An aggressive, grassroots movements to preserve the language and pass it on to the younger generation began in



Alexander

Diabetes program completes summer jump rope program

OKEMAH— The fifth through seventh grade students at Okemah middle school participated in a jump rope program, *Jump to Dump Diabetes*, throughout the spring of this past school year. There were 40-45 students participating during the spring activity. Several students expressed interest in continuing this program throughout the summer. The students met two days per week for 1 1/2 hours each day throughout June and the first part of July.

The program had approximately 30 students who were also given 30 minutes of education on nutrition and diabetes prevention each day. This included a trip to the local Homeland to learn how to read food labels and how to help their families make healthier food choices.

Participants were encouraged to exercise at home during the other days of the week by the *Fitness Frenzy* Pro-



Pictured above, from left to right, are Kylee Robison, Mellisa Williams, and Danielle Marques at Homeland Grocery Store making healthy food choices by learning how to read food labels. photo submitted

gram.

Every time a student would exercise for 30 minutes or more they would earn chances at winning incentive prizes provided by the diabetes program. The summer program ended with a field trip.

According to Scott Robison, Diabetes Program exercise manager and facilitator of the jump rope club, "These students have really got hooked on jumping rope and many of them are now doing some amazing tricks with a jump rope. In the fall, we would like to take some of these students around to other schools and show how much fun these students are having exercising and preventing diabetes."

The program is a pilot program that is planned for future implementation in other programs throughout schools in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundary area.

1994. George Bunny, an Oklahoma City Creek teacher, established the Mvskoke Language Institute, which offered community language classes.

Dr. Pete Coser, OSU's Native American Student Coordinator, was instrumental in delivering Oklahoma's first Native American language course, via distance learning technology in 1998.

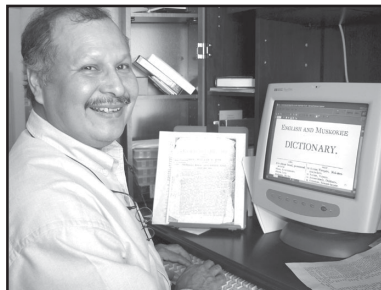
Isham currently is videotaping as many elders as possible in an attempt to preserve and revitalize what is left of the language. He also plans to videotape the entire Creek language and culture curriculum and produce an on-line version of the course.

To help instill the importance of continuity, the final project in this introductory language and culture class includes the production of Creek children's books. The books will be displayed and read aloud during the last class while students enjoy a traditional Creek dinner.

Creek Nation Employment and Training Manager, Dana Minnick, says Creek citizens may be eligible to receive tuition funding for the course through the Creek Nation Tribal Grant. Potential students can apply for assistance through the Creek Nation Employment and Training Office. Processing time is two weeks.

The five-credit hour introductory course, plus the intermediate course planned for the spring semester, meet the 10-hour "foreign" language requirement for most programs of study, according to Karen Mott, OSU transfer credit evaluation coordinator.

For enrollment information, contact: OSU-Okmulgee's admissions office at 1801 E. 4th St., Okmulgee, OK 74447; 1-800-722-4471 ext. 4680; or (918) 293-4680. Send e-mail to admissions@osu-okmulgee.edu. View the college's web site at www.osu-okmulgee.edu.



Isham

Wellness camp for youth offered this summer

CHOUTEAU — The Community Diabetes Preven-

tion and Tobacco Prevention Programs for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are getting together to offer a summer youth camp, *Camp Cyfeknetv*, that stresses healthy lifestyles for Indian youth.

This camp will be for all youth 12 to 18 years of age and living in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundary area. The camp will be held at Camp Christian on Aug. 7 through 10.

If you would like more information or a registration packet, please contact Carla Brown, Tobacco Prevention Program, at 1-800-782-8291, ext. 277.

Head start program is accepting applications

CHECOTAH — The Muscogee (Creek Nation) Head Start Center is accepting applications for enrollment. Full day service for children ages three to five years old will be offered.

Services within the program include: social and health services; dental checks; parent involvement; speech & hearing tests; meals & snacks; and individualized teaching services for children with special needs.

For more information call: (918) 473-0605 or visit the head start center at 302 B. Street.

Creek Nation Eufaula Dormitory is accepting applications

EUFULA — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Eufaula Dormitory is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2003-2004 school term. The school is a BIA funded peripheral dormitory for boys and girls, first thru 12th grade.

The program offers a structured environment with supplementary services such as tutoring, behavioral and academic counseling, library and computer/learning resource center.

The program also offers well-rounded activities such as movies, skating, field trips, pow wows, fishing, camping trips, Six Flags Over Texas and Frontier City.

Enrollment is limited. For more information, contact the Eufaula Dormitory at: Attn: Student records, 716 Swadley Drive, Eufaula, OK 74432 or call 1-800-896-3181.

Tulsa Indian Actors' Workshop

TULSA — The Tulsa Indian Actors' Workshop will be hosting a free theater workshop, utilizing puppets and tradi-

Education

Muscogee girl participates in track meets

MANNFORD — Audrea Caywood did alot of running this past track season for the Mannford Middle School Track Team.

She won: four gold and one silver medals for the 800 meter run; three gold and two silver medals for the 1600 meter run; and one gold, one silver and three bronze medals for the 3200 relay.

She graduated from eighth grade from Mannford, where she was on both the superintendents and principal's honor roll.

She is the daughter of Andrew and Melissa Caywood.

Maternal grandparents are Neomi Lindsey of Kusa and Danny Lindsey of Dewar. Paternal grandparents are Samuel and Susan Caywood from Mannford.

Caywood belongs to the Bird Clan and Hickory Ground Tribal Town.



Caywood

Sapulpa boy receives honors

SAPULPA — Nolan Billiot, a fourth grader at Lonestar Elementary School, received several awards at the end of the 2003 academic year.

Nolan made the honor roll and received an award of honor in reading, mathematics achievement certificate, and athletic award for basketball.

He is the son of Kenneth Billiot of Coweta and Kogee Bigpond of Sapulpa. Grandparents are Maureen and Ethan Bigpond of Okmulgee.



Billiot

Falske graduates high school

GRANTS PASS, OR — Allison Nicole Falske graduated from Grants Pass High School on June 6.

She was a high school cheerleader for three years and a member of Rogue Valley All-Starz, a competition stunt cheerleading team. Falske also excelled in soccer, gymnastics and snow skiing.

Allison's academic interest is in the field of psychology, in which she will pursue a degree.

She will be attending Oregon State University in Corvalli this fall. She is a recipient of an OSU foundation scholarship.



Falske

Births

Tarin Andrew Anderson

SHAWNEE — Tarin Andrew Anderson was born on April 2 at Unity Hospital to Zachariah and Terrie Anderson.

Tarin was welcomed home by his brothers Nathan and Isaiah Anderson.

Grandparents are Rev. Harry and Augusta Anderson of

Creek girls lead softball team to a successful season

OKEMAH — The Okemah Lady Panthers Softball Team, led by six Muscogee (Creek) girls, finished the season ranked seventh in Class 4A and qualified for the state tournament for the first time in 15 years.

The Okemah Lady Panthers defeated Stroud and Dale in the district and regional tournament finals to qualify for the state tournament at Reeve's Park in Norman. Latta used an eight-run second inning to outlast Okemah, 14-9 in the opening round of state tournament play.

"It felt very rewarding to make it to state and make school history," said Mallory Bible. "This definitely gives us motivation for next year."

The Lady Panthers finished the season with a 32-10 record.



Pictured above, from left to right, are: Johnni Baker, first base; Zipporah Yahola, outfield; Katie Coon, short stop; Kelli Tiger, outfield; Amber Sands, pitcher, and Mallory Bible, outfield.

Holdenville; Barbara Lane of Henryetta; and Mike Endres of Okmulgee.

The great grandparents are Katie Anderson of Wetumka; Dorothy Pinezaddle by of Okmulgee; James Holota of Wewoka; and Ruth Endres of Preston.

Tarin belongs to the Wind Clan and Cussetah Tribal Town.



Anderson

Jerean Elizabeth Mosquito

TULSA — Jerean Elizabeth Mosquito was born on February 11 at St. Francis Hospital to Jacob and Misty Mosquito of Mounds.

Maternal grandparents are Ray and Beth Shelton of Middletown, Ohio. Paternal grandparents are Craig and Debbie Mosquito of Mounds.

Maternal great grandparents are Dr. Ray L. and Jean Shelton of Waynesville, Ohio and Betty Gragg of Lebanon, Ohio.

Paternal great grandparent is Joe Mosquito of Hectorville.

Jerean has one sister, Alexandria, age 7.



Mosquito

Birthdays

Birthday celebration held for Alexander

OAKHURST — A celebration was held in honor of Rev. William Alexander to celebrate his 91st birthday on June 14 at the Indian Fellowship Baptist Church.

Rev. Alexander was born June 12, 1912 to Robert and Abbie Williams Alexander of Ragtown.

Many relatives and friends were in attendance.

Special recognition was given from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by Chief Perry Beaver; Second Chief, A.D. Ellis; and Executive Director, William Freeman.

Rev. Alexander has served as pastor of Indian Fellow-



Alexander

ship Baptist Church for 23 years. He expressed his thanks to the relatives and friends who were present on his special day.

The event was hosted by: his daughter and son-in-law; Mary and Stan Peak and sons; and Robert and E.J. Alexander.

Girl celebrates fourth birthday with a Barbie theme party

OKEMAH — Emily Dawn Jacobs celebrated her fourth birthday with a barbie party at the park on May 25.

She is the daughter of Johnny "BJ" and Monica Jacobs of Okemah.

Maternal grandparents are Daria and Johnnie Hicks of Okemah. Paternal grandmother is the late Linna Jacobs.

Maternal great grandparents are the late Frank and Annie Billy of Checotah. Paternal great grandmother is Sissie Lewis of Hanna.

Emily has one brother, Jalen.



Jacobs

Society

Creek soldier on active duty in Iraq

IRAQ — L CPL Arron Phillip Eads is currently in the United States Marine Corp and in the First Expeditionary Force Unit. He served during the Iraqi War and is presently on active duty in Iraq.

He is a member of New Town United Methodist Church.

He is the son of Melba and Gary Eads and grandson of Gideon Checote and Rosalie Laxton. Great grandparents are Rev. Samuel Checote and descendant of Chief Samuel Checote.

Eufaula Indian community honors seniors

EUFAULA — The President of the United States, George W. Bush, by proclamation, designated May as Older Americans Month.

In observation of that proclamation, the Eufaula Indian Community honored seniors age 60 and over that attended the community meeting on May 29.

To honor those in attendance, a long stem rose was presented to all seniors age 60 and over. In keeping with President Bush's proclamation, the Eufaula Indian community wishes to thank all of the seniors throughout the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for the lessons they teach and the strong values they instill in families and communities throughout our Country.

GLORIA FINE

OKTAHA — Funeral services for Gloria Jean Fine were held June 18 at Butler Creek Baptist Church with Revs. Norman Daniels and Thompson Billy officiating.

She was born March 15, 1942 in Muskogee to Timmie Lee and Grace Escoe Lee.

Fine was a member of the National Music Teachers Association, the Oklahoma Music Teachers Association and the Muskogee Area branch of the Oklahoma Music Teachers Association. She held all the offices of that Muskogee organization. In 2002, she received a plaque from the OMTA for 40 years of teaching. Gloria enjoyed classical and a variety of music and traveling.

Preceding her in death were her father and a sister, Loretta Purdin.

Survivors include: her husband, David of the home; son, Ray Broyles Jr. of Muskogee; mother, Grace Escoe Jones Billy; stepfather, Thompson Billy of Muskogee; sister, Phyllis Ann Weber of Dayton, Ohio; stepchildren, Linda Stevens and Angela Loflin both of Muskogee, and David Fine of Moody; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Interment was at Butler Creek Cemetery.

ALYCE FLEETWOOD

BIXBY — Funeral services for Alyce Marie Fleetwood were held at First United Methodist Church with Revs. Newman Frank Jr. and David Long officiating.

She was born June 13, 1924 in Okmulgee County to Felix G. and Lulu Lewis Morrison.

Alyce had lived in the Bixby and surrounding area most of her life. She graduated from Liberty High School in 1941 and received her college degree from the Oklahoma Presbyterian College for Women and South Eastern State College. Fleetwood was a well-known and respected elementary school teacher for many years of such schools as Twin Hills, Natura, Snake Creek, Liberty and Prue, as well as schools in New Mexico and Arizona.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Carl Fleetwood and a sister, Florence Watashe.

Survivors include: daughter, Carla J. Bennett of Stephenville, Texas; two sons, Roscoe E. of Tulsa and Randall M. Fleetwood of Sand Springs; sister, Mary Ann Babb of Tulsa; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; and several other relatives and good friends and many former students.

Casketbearers were: Robert and Dave Miller; Billy Bruner; Mike Hedrick; Mickey Fleetwood; Morris Dale O'Hern; Mike Edmonson; and Patrick Crowell. Honorary bearers include: Glyn Ritter; Glen Seaton; and Gary Hudgens.

Interment was at the Fleetwood/Bruner Cemetery in Okmulgee County.

ISLEY HARJO

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Isley Harjo were held May 28 at Hickory Ground #1 Baptist Church with Rev. Mitchell Taylor officiating.

Isley was born on February 14, 1911 to George and Callie Fisher Island in Bristow.

She married her husband, Cheparney, in Okemah in 1954.

Harjo attended Euchee Boarding School in Sapulpa as a young girl. She was the oldest member of Hickory



Harjo

Ground #1 Baptist Church. Mrs. Harjo enjoyed quilting and cooking.

Preceding her in death were: her parents; husband; two stepsons, Virgil and Jess Harjo; brother, Sunday Island; and three sisters, Annie Randall, Lavena Emarthle, and Louise Castillo.

Survivors include: son, Roman Harjo, Sr.; stepdaughter, Mary Jane Black; grandson; two nieces; and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

Pallbearers include: Roman Sr., Roman Jr., and Frank Harjo; Wallace Gambler; Marvin and Timmy Lowe.

Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery in Henryetta.

BENJAMIN HILL

HANNA — Funeral services for Benjamin Hill were held May 5 at Trenton Baptist Church with Revs. Malcolm Tiger and Richmond Carr officiating.

He was born February 15, 1944 in Hanna to Jack Isaac and Mary Proctor Hill.

Hill was a member of Trenton Baptist Church.

Preceding him in death were his parents and wife, Mandy Hill.

Survivors include: four sons, Benjamin Hill Jr. and Thomas Lewis, both of Eufaula, Sampson Lewis of Henryetta, and Jimmy Starr of Oklahoma City; three daughters, Frances Lewis of Eufaula, Pauline Lewis of Shawnee, and Christine Fixico of Dustin; seven brothers, Chapman of Henryetta, Dave of Shawnee, Eunice of Okemah, Roman of Seminole, Jacob of Salem, Josie of Wetumka, and Billy of Dustin; three sisters, Amy of Okemah, Maxine of Weleetka, and Lillie of Eufaula; mother, Mary; sixteen grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Interment was at the Proctor Family Cemetery

REBA THOMAS

OKMULGEE — Funeral services for Reba Joyce Thomas were held June 4 at Hickory Ground #1 Baptist Church with Rev. Mitchell Taylor and Sonny Braswell officiating.

She was born March 27, 1953 in Wetumka to Albert and Bernice Harjo Thomas.

In 1959, Reba's family moved from Wetumka to Dallas, Texas, where she attended school, graduated from high school, and began her first job for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Thomas worked in the clerical field, holding various positions for the Okmulgee Daily Times, Indian Health Service, Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah, Eddie Warrior Women's Correctional Facility and then retiring from George Nigh Rehabilitation Center after thirteen years with the State of Oklahoma.

Reba enjoyed doing different things, which was proven in 1981 when she attended and became a certified welder and completed welding school. She was a member of the Hickory Ground #1 Baptist Church, where she enjoyed meeting and being around all people.

Preceding her in death were: parents; husband, Bryan Adams; uncles, Duke and Jim Harjo; and aunt, Helen Bunny.

Survivors include: son, Anthony Adams; daughter, April Taylor, both of the home; two brothers, John of Red Oak and Loy of Okmulgee; three sisters, Peggy Lyda, Carolyn and Lois Thomas, all of Okmulgee; twelve nieces and neph-



Thomas

ews; thirteen great nieces and nephews; and a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers include: Victor, Sean, Eric, Christopher, and Zachary Thomas and Adam Harjo. Honorary pallbearers were: Kevin Brown; Quinton and Skyler Allen; and Scott Clifford.

Interment was at the Okmulgee Cemetery.

JOHN TIGER

OKEMAH — Funeral services for John V. Tiger were held June 19 at Springfield United Methodist Church with Revs. George Doyle and Alfred Goate officiating.

Born June 2, 1927 in Okfuskee County to Turner and Annie Berryhill Tiger, he married Cheryl Watson Tiger on July 25, 1972 in Tulsa. He was raised in Okfuskee County and attended Bigham School. Tiger had been a longtime resident of Okmulgee, but had been residing in Holdenville for the last four years. John was a longtime member of Springfield United Methodist Church and served as Ordained Elder.

Preceding him in death were: parents; two brothers, Noah and Joseph Tiger; and one sister, Sara Coker.

Survivors include: his wife of the home; two nephews; one niece; four great nieces; two great nephews; and a host of other relatives good friends and neighbors.

Pallbearers include: Sandy and Billy Barnett; Jim Humble; Jacob and George Fixico; and Thomas Yarhola. Honorary pallbearers include Junior Berryhill, Charley Simmer, and Malcolm Tiger.

Interment was at Creek Chapel Church Cemetery.

Gratitude

We cannot express what your kind words, food, floral gifts, and all the other expressions of love meant to the family. All the many prayers were truly a blessing.

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Muskogee Creek Nation Honor Guard, Creek Tribal Services, Williamson Funeral Home, High Spring Baptist Church, the VFW, Alabama-Quassarte, our friends and family and any we have neglected to mention.

Our father was truly blessed to have friends and family such as you. *Mvto.*

Monroe Wind Family

Religion

Gospel singing to be held in Holdenville

HOLDENVILLE — Many Springs Baptist Church will be holding a gospel singing on Aug. 2 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The church is located five and 1/2 miles southeast on Highway 48 and 1 mile east.

Concession will be available. Bring your own lawn chairs.

Springfield to hold a coed tournament

OKEMAH — Springfield Methodist Church will be holding a coed slow-pitch tournament on July 18 and 19 at the Okemah Recreational Complex.

Entry fee is \$125 with a 12-man roster consisting of six men and six women. First and second place teams will receive t-shirts.

Contact the following, after 5 PM, for more information: Jess Scott Jr. at (918) 650-5383; Mike Little at (918) 623-2184; or Keith Humble at (918) 623-0702. Concession will be available.

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tional Muscogee Creek stories to teach basic Muscogee vocabulary and culture.

The workshop is scheduled for July 21-25, 6 p.m to 8:30 p.m and parents must provide their own transportation. Limited slots are available for children, ages seven to 15. Location for the workshop is to be announced.

For more information, contact Irene Tiger at (918) 272-5776.

Roadwork to begin in Okmulgee County

Principal Chief Perry Beaver and three Okmulgee County Commissioners signed a contract appropriating one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars of tribal funds intended for roadwork to Okmulgee County to assist in paying for the cost of paving the Hectorville road.

According to Chief Beaver, "This is a part of our five year plan to better the roads in our jurisdiction. This is not the first road we've helped on."

The road is located south of Glenpool, east of highway 75 south, and off of the Bixby road and serves an estimated 600 cars daily. "It's a major road and will benefit all," says Jack Chaney, Roads Engineer.

The five-year plan includes several other roads, one of which is the Arbeka road south of Henryetta.

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including the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Once completed this project will generate an estimate of 300 jobs. It will also assist in increasing the tourism industry, a multi-billion dollar enterprise that Tulsa is slowly slipping downward. This increase in tourism is expected to create an upward spiral in the economy of both the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tulsa, and the North Eastern section of Oklahoma, as people travel to get to the casino, spend money in the casino, spend the night in local motels, eat at local restaurants, all of which bring money into the economy benefiting of everyone.

Coaches

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that a athlete was scaled on being limber and loose, but we've gone from agility to much bigger athletes."

Beaver agrees. "I coached a team that went undefeated in 1982, people said that was the best team ever in school history. We had players weighing out at 230 and 240. A few years later, Jenks had players that were 280 and 290."

Anderson, a 1996 inductee whose 31 year coaching career produced 22 District Championships, as well as 21 Conference Titles, pointed more at the relationship of coaches to athletes. "Its all about discipline, and how its changed. I think the coaches are the best disciplinarians any student can have while attending school."

He also pointed out how the style of the games have progressed, specifically basketball. "The 3-point shot has certainly changed the game of basketball. The game has become all offensive, not enough defense."

When commenting on whether coaches are superstitious or not, all agreed that coaches are creatures of habit, and certainly stick to a schedule or

Sapulpa Health Center celebrates nurses' week

SAPULPA — In honor of nurses' week, the Sapulpa Indian Health Center Nursing Department held a luncheon and presented flowers in recognition and appreciation of the dedication and outstanding service provided by the nursing staff.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation CHR employees, Etta Dickerson and Bonnie Jones, also honored each nurse with presentations of balloons.

The nursing Staff commented the special recognition wasn't limited to just Sapulpa, but to all the nursing staffs within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation health system.



Pictured above, from left to right, are: Carol Pendergrass, Lyn Betterton, Anna Walking-Eagle, Kellie Briggs, and Sherry Butler.

attire, and that routine is sometimes perceived in this manner.

"If I was winning in a blue suit, I was going to wear that blue suit until I lost," said Anderson. "I wore the same tie for 16 games, until my wife hid it from me. We lost the next game."

Of all the changes the coaches have seen, all agreed the introduction and education of weightlifting has totally transformed today's high school sports.

"When I was playing, weight lifting was a no-no," said Beaver. "They (coaches) didn't want us to lift weights, but they sure wanted us to haul hay in the summer," he laughs. "But weight training became a science, and I watched it grow and saw how certain schools were using it."

"All you had to do was see who you were losing to," said McHenry, who hasn't lost very often though, claiming 12 district championships and four regional championships in football and counting. "If you were losing to schools that had a weight program, you were getting further behind."

The coaches went on to talk about Indian athletes in their programs. Coach Ryal, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1996 and won a state baseball championship in 1978, reminisced about some Creek boys he saw shine.

"Kendall Thompson and A.J. Tiger were very good athletes in their time," said Ryal. "It seemed the Indian athlete would take things a little more serious when games got tough."

Each coach also mentioned names like Colbert, Noble, Wind, Dillingham, and Berryhill. Ryal, at the coaxing of the other coaches, was modest in mentioning his son Mark, who went on to a successful professional baseball career.

Beaver commented that Indian athletes seem to carry out their assignments better.

"You know the Indian athlete doesn't get rattled. A lot of coaches have told me that they like coaching Indian athletes because they don't get rattled."

Although much praise was bestowed upon the Native American athlete, the coaches also expressed remorse in that many Indian athletes do not go further in the field of sports.

"I've seen a lot of Indian athletes that are out of high school and are now only playing independent tournaments," said Ryal. "I was impressed with their talents, and I knew that many of them could have easily gone on to play college ball."

Beaver added, "I was on a panel once along with a college coach and he was asked the question, why don't you recruit Indian athletes? He said because there is a stigma about Indian athletes. I think it was all wrong. We want to compete and win just as much

as anyone else does."

Induction into the Coaches Association Hall of Fame is not an honor bestowed upon every athletic mentor. One must be nominated by his peers and certainly possess the winning records to justify the induction. Native Americans have certainly been well-represented in this unique fraternity.

"Out of 310 coaches in the Hall of Fame, at least 115 of those are of Indian descent," said Anderson. "We got there because we worked hard, not because we were of any specific color. If I had to do it all over again, I would."

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Martin began to do more research, and decided something needed to be done to honor these special people. She met with Tulsa District Representative Cherrah Ridge-Quiett to get sponsorship of a bill creating an honor ceremony.

"I had a lot of work to prepare and didn't know if they (council) were going pass it, but they were very helpful," said Martin.

The event was highlighted by a photo session and an afternoon luncheon. Martin knew that the event would take a lot of manpower, but was overwhelmed and very grateful for the support that was given.

Three Original Allottees were present, they were California Fixico, Martha Berryhill, and Lucy Condren. Also present were 75 full bloods.

"It felt so good to do all this," adds Martin. "This was not labor, but it was receiving a blessing of sorts. History is passing right before our eyes, if we don't do something about it, it's our fault."

Newspaper seeks candidate profiles

OKMULGEE — The staff of *The Muscogee Nation News* is seeking profiles from candidates running for Principal Chief, Second Chief, and National Council Representatives. Profile forms are available in the Communications Department.

Profiles published in the newspaper will have the following space limitations: principal chief, 500 words; second chief, 300 words; and National Council representatives, 150 words. All submissions will be edited for space, style, and grammar. If additional space is available, text exceeding the word limit will be published to fill the text blocks.

A photograph may be included with the candidate profiles. The photograph must be a focused, color or black and white photo with good contrast. If you do not have a photo, the Communications Department will be available to take your picture.

YOUTHOLYMPICS			
1st place	Sapulpa	77 points	
2nd place	Okfuskee	54 points	
3rd place	Okmulgee	41 points	
1 MILE RUN:			
1st place	Christopher Barr	6:00.79	Keetoowah Windrunners
2nd place	Dallas Johnson	6:12.06	Morris
3rd place	Robert West	6:32.82	Okfuskee
1 MILE RUN: GIRLS:			
1st place	Danielle Marques		
400 METER RELAY 6-7 BOYS:			
1st place	Sapulpa	1:16.75	
2nd place	Okfuskee	1:27.10	
3rd place	Weleetka	1:27.22	
400 METER RELAY 6-7 GIRLS:			
1st place	Okfuskee	1:27.84	
2nd place	Morris	1:31.68	
400 METER RELAY 8-9 BOYS:			
1st place	Ofuskee	1:17.16	
2nd place	Holdenville	1:15.19	
400 METER RELAY 8-9 GIRLS:			
1st place	Ofuskee	1:16.00	
2nd place	Sapulpa	1:16.19	
3rd place	Okmulgee	1:18.44	
400 METER RELAY 10-11 BOYS:			
1st place	Sapulpa	1:02.91	
2nd place	Okfuskee	1:06.05	
3rd place	Wetumka	1:07.81	
400 METER RELAY 10-11 GIRLS:			
1st place	Sapulpa	1:08.62	
2nd place	Tulsa Earthrunners	1:10.53	
3rd place	Morris	1:13.75	
400 METER RELAY 12-13 BOYS:			
1st place	Sapulpa	56.68	
2nd place	Okmulgee	1:01.36	
3rd place	Morris	1:05.95	
400 METER RELAY 12-13 GIRLS:			
1st place	Morris	58.66	
2nd place	Sapulpa	1:00.09	
3rd place	Okfuskee	1:01.55	
400 METER RELAY 14-15 BOYS:			
1st place	Sapulpa	52.13	
2nd place	Morris	54.25	
3rd place	Okfuskee	58.25	
400 METER RELAY 14-15 GIRLS:			
1st place	Sapulpa	1:02.66	
2nd place	Okfuskee	1:03.56	
HOOPSHOOT 10-11 BOYS:			
1st place	Terrance Yahola		Wetumka
2nd place	Seth Deere		Holdenville
3rd place	Josh Littlebear		Sapulpa
HOOPSHOOT 10-11 GIRLS:			
1st place	Jessika Littlehead		Sapulpa
2nd place	Jennifer Calico		Kettoowah Windrunners
3rd place	Sadie West		Holdenville
HOOPSHOOT 12-13 BOYS:			
1st place	Jonathan Littlebear		Sapulpa
2nd place	Charlie Limore		Keetoowah Windrunners
3rd place	Tyler Koshiway		Sapulpa
HOOPSHOOT 12-13 GIRLS:			
1st place	Shel by Johnson		Ofuskee
2nd place	Ashley Fox		Morris
3rd place	Cheyenne Hill		Okfuskee
HOOPSHOOT 14-15 Boys			
1st place	Cameron Fixico		Okfuskee
2nd place	Dallas Johnson		Morris
3rd place	Patrick Littlebear		Sapulpa
HOOPSHOOT 14-15 Girls			
1st place	Whitney Williams		Muscogee
2nd place	Aleena Harley		Okmulgee
3rd place	Tiesha Hennenha		Okfuskee
LONG JUMP 14-15 Girls			
1st place	SiMary Mason		Bristow 12'3"

LONG JUMP 14-15 Boys			
1st place	Tyler Sutter Field, Okmulgee	- 16' 11"	
2nd place	Chris Barr, Keetoowah Windrunners	- 16'	
3rd place	Cameron Fixico, Okfuskee	- 14' 15"	
SOFTBALL THROW 6-7 Boys			
1st place	Rylan Mack, Okfuskee	- 93'8"	
2nd place	Jeremiah Winney, Weleetka	- 81'8"	
3rd place	Kyle Barnet, Bristow	- 81'5"	
SOFTBALL THROW 6-7 Girls			
1st place	Jenne Sanders	Keetovah Windrunners	57'8"
2nd place	Laranda Parish	Muscogee	54'8"
3rd place	Brittany Harjo	Okfuskee	52'7"
SOFTBALL THROW 8-9 Boys			
1st place	Tyler Evans	Weleetka	113'
2nd place	Lucas West	Holdenville	94'10"
3rd place	Robin Roberts	Okfuskee	89'
SOFTBALL THROW 8-9 girls			
1st place	Danielle Bear	Okfuskee	88'
2nd place	Hannah Whitecloud	Okmulgee II	86'
3rd place	Amber Harjo	Sapulpa	68'4"
30 METER DASH 6-7 Boys			
1st place	Trystin Edwards	Muscogee	0:05.04
2nd place	Shaun Bencoma	Weleetka	0:05.16
3rd place	Rylan Mack	Okfuskee	0:05.18
30 METER DASH 6-7 Girls			
1st place	Cassie Jackson	Okmulgee	0:05.66
2nd place	Jerrae Sanders	Keetowah Windrunners	0:05.83
3rd place	April Bear	Okfuskee	0:05.93
50 METER DASH 6-7 Boys			
1st place	Shaun Bencoma	Weleetka	0:09.03
2nd place	Caleb Littlehead	Sapulpa	0:09.14
3rd place	Jeremiah Winney	Weleetka	0:09.95
50 METER DASH 6-7 Girls			
1st place	April Bear	Okfuskee	0:09.79
2nd place	Cassie Jackson	Okmulgee	0:09.82
3rd place	Jerrae Sanders	Keetoowah Windrunners	0:09.95
50 METER DASH 8-9 Boys			
1st place	Tyler Evens	Weleetka	0:08.22
2nd place	Alex Hicks	Wetumka	0:08.49
3rd place	Gruftin Cox	Okfuskee	0:08.62
50 METER DASH 8-9 Girls			
1st place	Hanna Whitecloud	Okmulgee II	0:08.46
2nd place	Kimberlee Billy	Wetumka	0:08.93
3rd place	Danielle Bear	Okfuskee	0:08.94
50 METER DASH 10-11 Boys			
1st place	Jimmy Asbury	Holdenville	0:07.30
2nd place	Mario Johnson	Bristow	0:07.59
3rd place	Kendell Hildreth	Muscogee	0:07.75
50 METER DASH 10-11 Girls			
1st place	Katie Fish	Sapulpa	0:07.81
2nd place	Lodie Williams	Bristow	0:07.93
3rd place	Bailey Crusher	Okmulgee	0:07.94
100 METER DASH 8-9 Boys			
1st place	Tyler Evens	Weleetka	0:16.31
2nd place	Alex Hicks	Wetumka	0:16.88
3rd place	Aaron Littlehead	Sapulpla	0:17.25
100 METER DASH 8-9 Girls			
1st place	Hannah Whitecloud	Okmulgee II	0:17.04
2nd place	Danielle Bear	Okfuskee	0:18.00
3rd place	Shae Tiger	Wetumka	0:18.01
100 METER DASH 10-11 Boys			
1st place	Paul Littlebear	Sapulpa	0:14.78
2nd place	Mario Johnson	Bristow	0:15.15
3rd place	Jacob Mason	Bristow	0:15.69
100 METER DASH 10-11 Girls			
1st place	Katie Fish	Sapulpa	0:14.97
2nd place	Tiffany Sullivan	Okmulgee	0:15.66
3rd place	Theresa Rabbit	Tulsa Earthrunners	0:15.80
100 METER DASH 12-13 Boys			
1st place	Justin Burgess	Okmulgee	0:14.38
2nd place	Jordan Tarpalechee	Sapulpa	0:14.59
3rd place	Travis Tiger	Wetumka	0:14.66
100 METER DASH 12-13 Girls			
1st place	Beth Everette	Morris	0:13.92

2nd place	Kristy Hill	Okfuskee	0:14.28
3rd place	Stacie Littlehead	Sapulpa	0:14.29
100 METER DASH 14-15 Boys			
1st place	Ronald Shockley	Sapulpa	0:11.97
2nd place	Ross Everett	Morris	0:12.28
3rd place	Andrew Bevenue	Okmulgee	0:12.44
100 METER DASH 14-15 Girls			
1st place	Desiree Booker	Okmulgee	0:13.48
2nd place	Michelle Whitlow	Morris	0:14.53
3rd place	Janea Gabbard	Sapulpa	0:14.88
200 METER DASH 8-9 Boys			
1st place	Nathan Checotah	Okmulgee	0:41.34
2nd place	Grufin Cox	Okfuskee	0:42.19
3rd place	Cory Sanders	Okmulgee	0:43.40
200 METER DASH 8-9 Girls			
1st place	Hannah Whitecloud	Okmulgee	0:36.94
2nd place	Tia Jim	Sapulpa	0:37.62
3rd place	Shae Tiger	Wetumka	0:39.71
200 METER DASH 10-11 Boys			
1st place	Paul Littlebear	Sapulpa	0:30.12
2nd place	Jacob Mason	Bristow	0:33.14
3rd place	Mario Johnson	Bristow	0:33.50
200 METER DASH 10-11 Girls			
1st place	Katie Fish	Sapulpa	0:30.09
2nd place	Jennifer Killian	Okmulgee	0:34.83
3rd place	Kristen Frye	Tulsa Earthrunners	0:35.00
200 METER DASH 12-13 Boys			
1st place	Brett Littlebear	Sapulpa	0:25.16
2nd place	Brian Tiger	Okfuskee	0:30.53
3rd place	Jordan Tarpalechee	Sapulpa	0:31.65
200 METER DASH 12-13 Girls			
1st place	Beth Everett	Morris	0:30.09
2nd place	Cassady Haworth	Morris	0:30.53
3rd place	Kristy Hill	Okfuskee	0:31.65
200 METER DASH 14-15 Boys			
1st place	Ross Everett	Morris	0:25.13
2nd place	Patrick Littlebear	Sapulpa	0:25.82
3rd place	Tyler Sutterfield	Okmulgee	0:26.28
200 METER DASH 14-15 Girls			
1st place	Desiree Booker	Okmulgee	0:28.76
2nd place	SiMary Mason	Bristow	0:29.78
3rd place	Lisa Bell	Morris	0:30.64
400 METER DASH 12-13 Boys			
1st place	Brett Littlebear	Sapulpa	0:58.23
2nd place	Justin Burgess	Okmulgee	1:11.72
3rd place	Tony Davis	Bristow	1:18.25
400 METER DASH 14-15 Boys			
1st place	Ross Everett	Morris	0:59.27
2nd place	Patrick Littlebear	Sapulpa	0:59.43
3rd place	Toney Davis	Bristow	1:01.62
400 METER DASH 14-15 Girls			
1st place	Desiree Booker	Okmulgee	1:10.52
2nd place	SiMary Mason	Bristow	1:16.78
3rd place	Janea Gabbard	Sapulpa	1:16.94
PAGEANTRY			
Division 1: Winner, Madeline Gouge, Okmulgee Runner-up , Ashlynn Postoak, Holdenville			
Divison 2: Winner, Kayla Pritchett, Mounds Runner- up, Micckah Brown, Sapulpa			
Division 3 - Winner, Delana Bear, Weleetka Runner-up, Leah Scott, Holdenville			
Jr.Miss - Winner, Toni Factor, Glenpool Runner-up, Faith Harjo, Glenpool			
Miss Mvskoke - Winner, Felicia Factor, Glenpool Runner-up, Leandra Thompson, Tulsa			
SR.Miss - Winner, KatieSmith, Coweta Runner-up , Leona Sullivan, Broken Arrow			
3 on 3 BASKETBALL			
Boys 9 to 12: 1st, Wolfpack; 2nd, Warriors; and 3rd, Eagles			
Girls 9 to 12: 1st, Little Native Impact; 2nd, Native Stars; and 3rd, Red Skins			
Boys 13 to 15: 1st, Sapulpa Indians; 2nd, Hoop Warriors; and 3rd, Warriors			

Festival results

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Girls 13 to 15: 1st, Lady Hoppers; 2nd, Lady Red Skins; and 3rd, Lady Warriors

Boys 16 to 18: 1st, D’Towns Finest; 2nd, Shades of Red; 3rd, Eufaula Indian Community # 2

Girls 16 to 18: 1st, Dustin #1; 2nd, The Storm; and 3rd, 5 Lil Ladies

Boys 19 and Open: 1st, M.O.B.; 2nd, Tripple X; and 3rd, Dog Soldiers

Girls 19 and Open: 1st, Native Impact; 2nd, Wolfpack; and 3rd, Old School

GOLF

A: 1st, Stan Duncan; 2nd, Charles Wilson; and 3rd, Scott Freeman

B: 1st, Elvis Gibson; 2nd, David Conard; and 3rd, Brett Hays

C: 1st. Leon Brown; 2nd, Dennis Tate; and 3rd, Ben Dunson

5K WALK/RUN

Overall Male Honors: Tom Lam

Overall Female Honors: Lacey Akers

Walker: 1st, Floyd Bales; 2nd, Pat Factor-Thomas; and 3rd, Della Walking Sky

ELDERLY ACTIVITIES

Horseshoe: 1st, Johnny Hicks - 2nd, Leon Bell

Dominoes: 1st, Tom and Bill Chalakee - 2nd, Bill and Jack Barnett

Gift Walkers winners: Pauline Rabbit, Tom Tiger, Evelyn Parker, and Agnes Randall.

VOLLEYBALL

1st, M.V.P.’s, Pryor; 2nd, Native Players, Okmulgee; and 3rd, Just Us, Henryetta

TOUGHMAN CONTEST

185 pounds & over: Mike Cooper

185 pounds & under: Chris Gazzaway

CO-ED SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

1st, Connection, Talequah; 2nd, The Braves, Sallisaw; 3rd, Magic, Talequah; and 4th, Seminoles, Oklahoma City

FAST PITCH WOMEN'S

1st, Fus-ca-te; 2nd, Red Feathers; 3rd, Lady Reds; and 4th, Goldriver Renegades

MVP - Missy Fox - **ALL STARS:** Fus-ca-te - Sammy Rabbit, Shareena Pulse, and Tia Riech; Red Feathers - Haley Buzzard, Stormy Denton, and Timeka Barnes; Lady Reds: Karen Littlehead and Bailey Lowe; and Goldriver Renegades: Kalone Hulbutta

FAST PITCH MEN'S

1st, Old School; 2nd, Native; 3rd, Ada Tribes; and 4th, Tribesmen

MVP - Robbie Hight - **ALL STARS:** Old School - Brad Hight, Eugeng Freeman, and Adrian "Tank" Braswell; Native - Myron Bolin, Mike Tiger, and Steven Jones; Ada Tribes - Victor Smith and David Buzzard; and Tribesmen, Roy Kaseca

RODEO

Friday - Barrel Racing: 1st, Erica Bacon; 2nd, Shae Herrera; 3rd, Jennifer Weaver; and 4th, Leah Wiseman
Calf Roping: 1st, Shane Slack; 2nd, Shane Ross; and 3rd, Bruce Posey

Break Away Roping: Brenna Winship

Steer Wrestling: Howard Edmondson

Jr. Barrel Racing: 1st, Micaela Carlile; 2nd, Bailey Pipkins; 3rd, Tiffany Treat; and 4th, M. Mathis

Bull Riding: 1st, Ricardo Tarin - 2nd, Carlton Free

Team Roping: 1st, Tim Pipkins and Scott Dailey; 2nd, Doyle Bacon and Roy Cox; 3rd, Dee Keener and Scott Daily; 4th, Keith Bacon and Kevin Bacon; and 5th, Kendall Roberts and Boog Roberts

Jr. Steer Wrestling: 1st, Lane Scott - 2nd, William Parker

Saturday - Barrel Racing: 1st, Brandy Coble; 2nd, Erica Bacon; and 3rd, Jennifer Weaver

Calf Roping: 1st, Shane Ross; 2nd, Shane Slack; and 3rd, Coyle Coble

Break Away Roping: Kasi Prather

Steer Wrestling : Howard Edmondson

Jr. Barrel Racing: 1st, Taylor O’Neil; 2nd, Micaela Carlile; 3rd, Montana Barnes; and 4th, Bailey Pipkins

Saddle Bronc Riding: Harry Johnson

Bull Riding: Brad Fish

Team Roping: 1st, Dee Keener and Scott Dailey; 2nd, Body Roberts and Boog Roberts; 3rd, Jesse Wiliams and Todd Jesse; 4th, Tim Pipkins and Brad Pipkins; and 5th, Doyle Bacon and Roy Cox

Jr. Steer Wrestling: Lane Scott

Council

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• approved (16-7-0) TR 03-030, authorizing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation gaming operations authority board to exercise temporary jurisdiction and control over the Okemah Indian gaming center;

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Jackson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Peter**, Okmulgee; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

representatives **Lewis** and **Peters** were out of seat at time of casting of vote;

• approved (21-0-0) TR 03-031, recognizing the crew and family members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation firefighters for their part in the space shuttle Columbia recovery;

representatives **Lewis** and **Peters** were out of seat at time of casting of vote;

• approved (21-0-0) TR 03-035, designating Muskogee county council of youth services as the organization to utilize formula grant funds;

representatives **Lewis** and **Peters** were out of seat at time of casting of vote;

• approved (20-1-0) TR 03-036, approving the lease agreement for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

voting no were: **Jackson**, Okfuskee;

• approved (23-0-0) TR 03-037, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the replacement of fencing on Creek Nation tribal trust lands located in McIntosh County, Oklahoma;

• postponed (22-1-0) TR 03-038, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the demolition of the abandoned Oakdale school building;

voting no were: **Lewis**, Okmulgee;

• approved as amended (22-1-0) TR 03-039, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute an agreement with American promotional events, Inc., for the operations of one temporary fireworks sales facility on tribal trust land to benefit the Tulsa Creek Indian community;

voting no were: **Fields**, Tukvpvtce;

• failed (11-12-0) TR 03-041, confirming the nomination of **Owen Sapulpa** to serve on the Muscogee Nation enterprise board of directors;

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Warrington**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Lewis**, Okmulgee; **Peter**, Okmulgee; **Lowe**, Tukvpvtce; **Fields**, Tukvpvtce; **Berryhill**, Wagoner; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

• approved (22-1-0) TR 03-042, confirming the renomination of **Toske Willits** to serve on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizenship board;

voting no were: **Lowe**, Tukvpvtce;

representative **Nichols** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

• approved (18-4-0) TR 03-043, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a special services agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Micrguard systems L.L.C.;

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Jack-**

son, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee;

representatives **Hufft** and **Nichols** were out of seat at time of casting of vote;

• approved (21-0-0) TR 03-044, recognizing the Sequoyah high school basketball team and coaches for achieving the Oklahoma class 3A state championship;

representative **Pickering** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

• return to committee (12-9-0) NCA 03-046, creating language revitalization and establishing the Muscogee language division;

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Warrington**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Johnson**, Okmulgee;

• return to committee (12-10-0) NCA 03-067, amending NCA 01-183 (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, amending certain laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, repealing certain laws and adding new law concerning the public gaming for purpose of codification in title 21 of the laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation), relating to procedures for the appointment of members to the gaming operations authority board;

• approved (22-0-0) NCA 03-070, authorizing a special appropriation to the Nuyaka ceremonial grounds for the construction of bathroom facilities;

representative **Golden** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

• approved (17-4-0) NCA 03-083, appropriating funds for a special services agreement with Kelley & Associates;

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Jackson**, Okfuskee; **Fields**, Tukvpvtce;

representative **Kelley** was excused;

• approved as amended (21-0-0) NCA 03-084, recognizing the original allottees and certain elders of the nation and authorizing a special appropriation to fund a reception for same;

• approved (21-0-0) NCA 03-086, authorizing a special appropriation to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation realty department;

• approved (16-5-0) NCA 03-086, appropriation funds for a special services agreement with Micrguard systems, L.L.C.;

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Jackson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Fields**, Tukvpvtce;

• approved (18-2-1) NCA 03-090, authorizing a special appropriating to the Clyde "Press" Johnson youth organization, Inc., a nonprofit organization;

voting no were: **Aaron**, Creek; **Fields**, Tukvpvtce; abstain were: **Peters**, Okmulgee;

June 16 special session

Absent was **Judy Aaron**, Creek District; **Tom Pickering**, McIntosh District; **Thomas McIntosh**, McIntosh District; **Mae Jackson**, Okfuskee District; **Dave Lewis**, Okmulgee District; **George Almerigi**, Okmulgee District; **Sandra Peters**, Okmulgee District; **Lola Fields**, Tukvpvtce District; **Larry Bible**, Tulsa District; **Cherrah Quiett**, Tulsa District; **Robert Hufft**, Tulsa District;

Speaker **Wilbur Gouge**, McIntosh District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

• approved (15-0-0) NCA 03-123, approving the FY 2003 Indian Housing plan

voting yes were: **Phyllis Warrington**, Creek District; **Roger Barnett**, Creek District; **Sandra Parish**, Muskogee District; **Daniel Wind**, Muskogee District; **Nancy Watson**, Okfuskee District; **Mae Jackson**, Okfuskee District; **Sandra Golden**, Okfuskee District; **Keeper Johnson**, Okmulgee District; **David Nichols**, Okmulgee District; **Dwayne Lowe**, Tukvpvtce District; **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvpvtce District; **Ron Cleghorn**, Tulsa District; **Jesse Kelley**, Tulsa District; **Richard Berryhill**, Wagoner District; **Barbara Gillespie**, Wagoner District.

29th ANNUAL Creek Festival



Justin Burgess makes a Carl Lewis type jump during the youth olympics.

Jana worked up a sweat while performing during the entertainment portion of the festival.



A Renegade player prepares to take a cut during a women's fast pitch game.



A unidentified cowboy rides in with the American Flag during opening ceremonies.



Robert Alexander proudly displays his full regalia of red, white and blue.



Several kids stayed up past their usual bedtime to participate in the stompdance.



A boxer connects with a stiff left jab during the inaugural Tough Man Contest.



Chief Beaver prepares to give the welcome address.

One of the early favorites connects during the Home Run Derby at the Okmulgee City Parks.



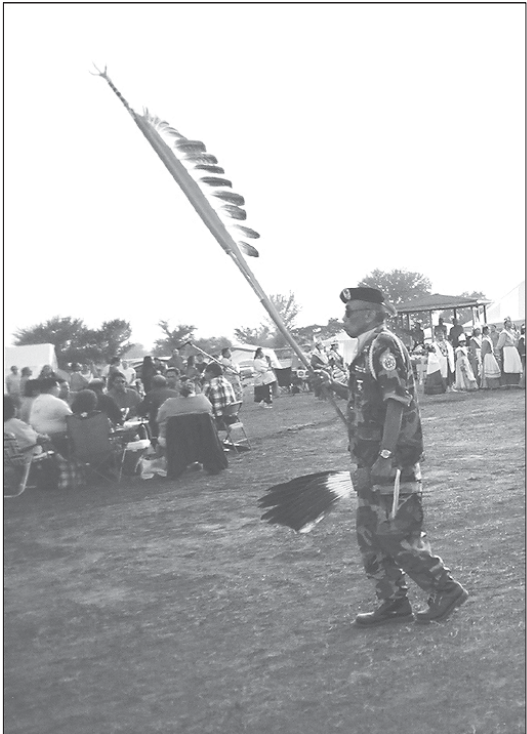
A focused golfer tries to anticipate the break the ball will make on its way to the hole.



Cupcake, The Love Clown, once again spreads and joy and happiness during the Health Fair.

The crowd watches as a 3 on 3 participant gets ready to flush one home.







The young participant prepares to unload his cannon.



Morris Indian Community relay team is out to an early lead.



Lane three runner crosses the finish line first.



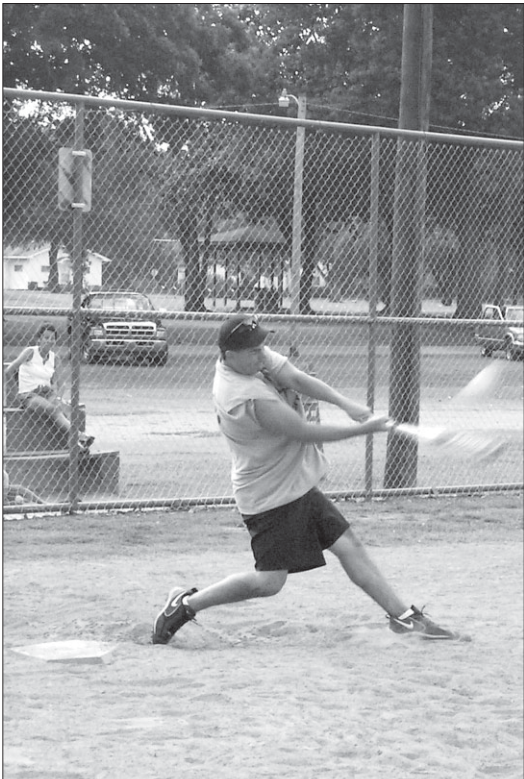
A youth olympic winner proudly display a winning medal at the Rodeo.



These relay runners make their way to the final turn.



Brian Beartrack takes aim at the goal during the hoop shot contest at the youth olympics.



A Home Run Derby contestant sends one deep.

Roland Roberts watches the bat make perfect contact with the ball.



Kesha Williams, batting, waits for the pitch.



Team mates from 1st place Connections, show off their female and male MVP awards.



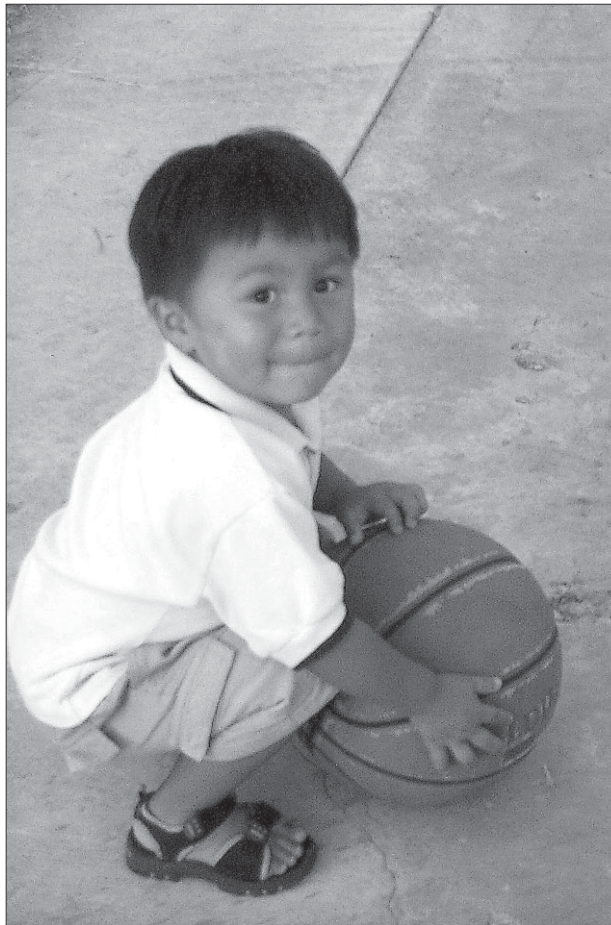
David Pascale battled close to 30 competitors to be crowned this year's Home Run King.

Fourth place team out of Oklahoma City, The Seminoles.



Tao Tiger prepares to run as she puts the ball in play.

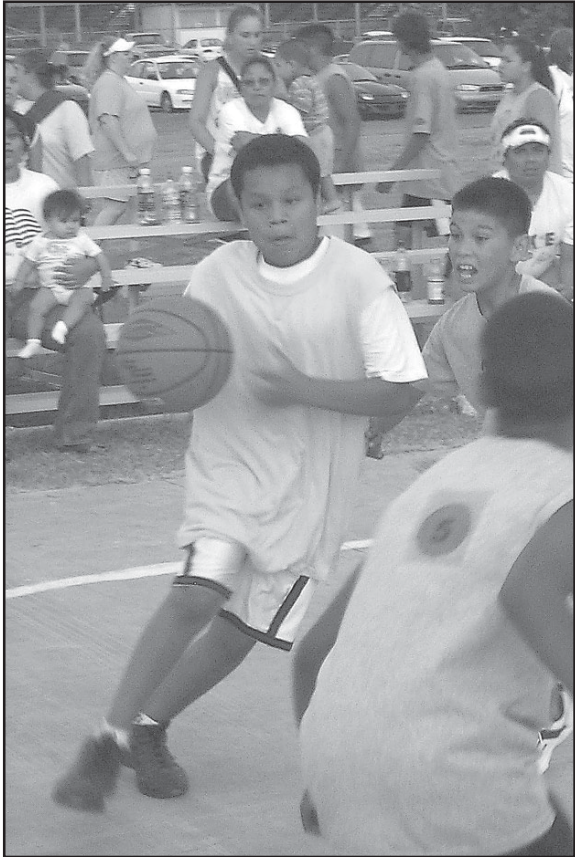




Future 3 on 3 hooper wants to know who is next.



Josh Roberts makes a cut to the goal against the Bad Boys.



Shades of Red has control of the ball as 'D Townz Fynest applies the pressure defense.





Madeline Gouge, Little Miss Division I Winner



Leona Sullivan, Katie Smith, and Chief Beaver check out the sights and sounds of the festival in style.



Felicia Factor, Miss Mvskoke Nation Winner



Little Miss Division II and III Winners, Kayla Pritchett and Delana Bear, proudly display their 1st place trophies.

Newly crowned Mvskoke princesses: Delana Bear, Felicia Factor, Katie Smith, and Toni Factor





Team roping at the Creek Nation Festival Rodeo.



A spectator pays respect to "Old Glory" during opening ceremonies of the rodeo.



Creek Nation Festival Rodeo Staff: Bob Arrington, Joel and Mitchell Lake, Jeff Fife, Jimmy Basquez, Rick Greggs, and BJ Cheek





Pat Vegas, Red Bone Lead Singer



A horseshoe tournament contestant prepares to throw a shoe.



Chief Beaver and Senior Ms. Mvskoke Nation Katie Smith.



Danny 'Duh' Clown entertains a family at the health fair.

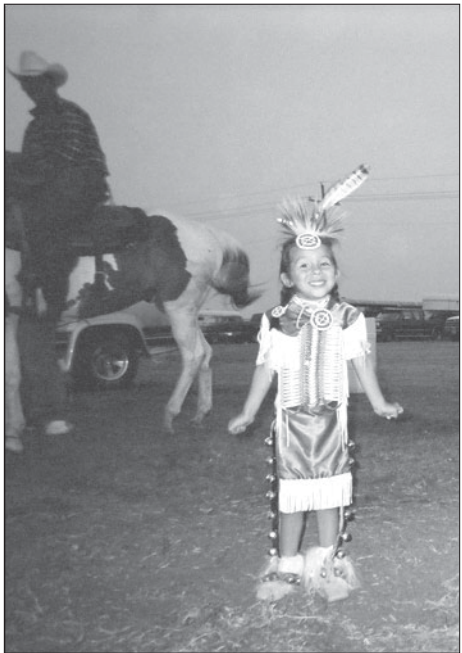
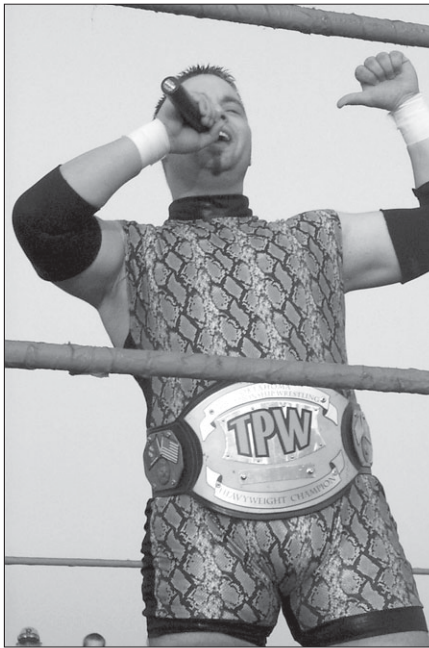


L. Miner, future tough man champion.





Tom Lam, 1st Place finisher of the 5K Run,



Jeff Scott Fife, Jr. in his pow wow regalia.



Opal Alexander and Chief Beaver at the Creek Nation Festival 5K Run.



Crystal Underwood, Miss Chickasaw Princess

Bill Barnett aims for a ringer at the Elderly Activities.



Vietnam Veterans’ Moving Wall Ceremony



“IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR. THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES AND OF THOSE WHO REMAIN MISSING ARE INSCRIBED IN THE ORDER THEY WERE TAKEN FROM US.”



Bill Jones, a Vietnam War Veteran, welcomes everyone to the Moving Wall Ceremony.



Bill Jones introduces Miss Muscogee Nation, Jade McIntosh, and Junior Miss Muscogee Nation, Brenna Littlehead.



Chief Perry Beaver commends everyone on the hard work and preparations for this special occasion.



Vietnam Veteran, Frank Sewell, points out a name on the wall to his daughter, Kristie Harjo.

Tim Thompson, Creek Nation Honor Guard Vice-Commander.



Smiley Barnett, Creek Nation Honor Guard Chaplain.